



## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** Use of the federal electronic fish receiving ticket system in lieu of the state's paper fish ticket system by trawl fishermen.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.020 and 77.12.045.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** To compliment the electronic fish accounting system mandated for the Washington groundfish trawl fishery, DFW is reviewing state rules to complement federal regulations. The object is to streamline the state process so that participants are not using duplicative approaches.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The Pacific Fisheries Management Council, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is the entity whose electronic fish receiving ticket system WDFW will be adopting. NMFS is reviewing the proposed rules for accuracy.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☒ Agency study
- ☐ Other (describe)

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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Contact by November 15, 2011. Expected proposal filing on or after November 23, 2011.

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